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Mr Henry Kren
Kren Bat Co.
Syracuse N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Following my telephone conversation with you, I am writing about securing bats for the above named ball-club.

Bats and shoes are something the ballplayers always preferred picking up when they saw what they wanted, no matter where it was. All the things we supply for the team are bought from The Wilson Sporting Goods Co. As a result we find ourselves now with no source of supply.

Our Negro National League Baseball is drawing very good sized crowds, and it represents a large investment on the part of the club owners. It seems a little stupid that we did not foresee the present condition where bats are concerned, and try to do something about it. As things stand now, we are practically without bats. If you will assist us in this emergency, I will be glad to open an account with you, to keep us supplied when conditions return to normal. You can get my credit references from The Wilson Sporting Goods Co 1207 Walnut St. Philadelphia Pa., or The Lincoln National Bank Newark N.J.

Would you be interested in having the League adopt your bat? We have adopted The Wilson ball, which means all the teams use it exclusively.

The first year we had a team "LOUISVILLE" made bats to the specifications the ballplayers asked for, put the names of the player on the bat. Would you be interested in doing this? I mean of course when times return to normal.

In the meantime, please send me as many bats as you can, as soon as you can. Send them COD until you arrange for credit.

Thank you, Very Truly Yours